

GIVEN LESS PUBLICITY at the time, however, were remarks by Rep. Cannon in the House soon after the U2 incident. Cannon told the House:

"The plane was on an espionage mission authorized and supported by money provided under an appropriation recommended by the House Committee on Appropriations and passed by Congress.

"Although the members of the House have not generally been informed on the subject, the mission was one of a series and part of an established program with which the subcommittee in charge of the appropriation was familiar, and of which it had been fully apprised during this and previous sessions."

Sen. Dodd does not suggest that the CIA should be immune to criticism because of the sensitive nature of its operations. He says no government agency should be immune to criticism.

However, he does believe that there has been too much sensationalism, too many inaccuracies, and too little concern for the nation's security. He cites especially one report which charged that a CIA man in Viet Nam refused to carry out instructions of the U.S. ambassador, a charge which Dodd says proved to be a tissue of lies.

THE SENATOR BELIEVES that members of Congress, especially, should be careful in making charges, and that they should be made only on the floor of Congress, where debate and rebuttal would be possible.

"We should also take into account," the senator said, "the fact that every critical statement, whether accurate or inaccurate, will be picked up by the special bureau of the Soviet secret police whose task it is to discredit the CIA"

The late John F. Kennedy undoubtedly expressed the feelings of most Americans when, in addressing CIA personnel in November, 1961, he said: "... I am sure you realize how important is your work, how essential it is—and, in the long sweep of history how significant your efforts will be judged. So I do want to express my appreciation to you now, and I am confident that in the future you will continue to merit the appreciation of our country, as you have in the past."

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